CHILDHOOD LUNG FUNCTION

- Regarding lung function studies in children, reviewers of the literature who are critical of parental smoking concede that the tests used in these studies are "influenced by a large number of variables."

- In 1989, researchers reported that "it has been shown that the mean pulmonary performance within a single group of children can vary significantly from one spirometry test to the next without any apparent cause" and that it "is noteworthy that such statistically significant differences are similar in magnitude to most of the small decrements in pulmonary function reported in children of smoking parents."

- The reported decrements in lung function capabilities in children of smoking parents are so small that researchers are unsure of any clinical significance of the decrements.

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